

### REMARKS

In the office action, the examiner has required a restriction to one invention from the following:

- I. Claims 1-7, 15-19, and 21, drawn to method for sampling data.
- II. Claims 8-14, 20, and 22, drawn to a system for sampling data.

The examiner has stated that these inventions in groups I and II are related to a process of use and product. The claims in group I, claims 1-7, 15-19, and 21 are elected with traverse.

In this particular case, the apparatus in group II is specifically designed to only practice the process recited in the claims from group I.

Claim 1 in group I reads follows:

- 1. A method for sampling data signals between electronic components, comprising:
  - connecting the electronic components by using a straight feed-through connector wherein the straight feed-through connector has connecting pins;
  - attaching one end of a flexible circuit to the connecting pins of the feed-through connector; and
  - attaching an opposite end of the flexible circuit to a display.

Claim 8 in group II reads as follows:

- 8. A system for sampling data signals between electronic components, comprising:
  - a straight feed-through connector for connecting the electronic components wherein the straight feed-through connector has connecting pins;
  - means for attaching one end of a flexible circuit to the connecting pins of the feed-through connector; and
  - means for attaching the opposite end of the flexible circuit to a display.

Specifically, the apparatus claim, claim 8, includes a straight feed connector that performs the connecting of electronic components and contains language similar to the connecting step in claim 1. The apparatus in claim 8 also includes a means for attaching one end of a flexible circuit to the connecting pins of the feed through connector. This particular component in the apparatus is a means for component that corresponds to the

attaching step in claim 1. Similarly, the means for attaching the opposite end of the flexible circuitry display in claim 8 is analogous to the attaching step in claim 1. Thus, the apparatus claimed in claim 8 is used only to perform the steps identified in claim 1. Thus, the restriction required to these two groups is improper and the requirement for the election has been traversed.

**I. Conclusion**

It is respectfully urged that the subject application is now in condition for allowance.

The examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,



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